AN

ORDINANCE

OF THE

Lords and Commons

Assembled in

PARLIAMENT.

FOR

The speedy raising of Monies, for Compleating and maintaining the Army under the immediate Command of

ROBERT Earl of *ESSEX*,

Lord Generall of the Forces raised by the PARLIAMENT.

Assessed in such manner as is within Expressed.

Ordered by the Commons in Parliament, that this Ordinance be forthwith printed and published.

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An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, for the speedy compleating and maintaining of the Army under the immediate command of Robert *Earl of* Essex, *Lord Generall of the Forces raised by the Parliament.*

WHereas the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, taking into consideration the necessity of speedy recruiting the Army under the immediate command of the Lord Generall, the Earle of *Essex*, have by an Ordinance of the first of this instant *February*, 1643. Entitled, *An* Ordinance *for the present recruiting of the Army under the immediate command of the Earle of* Essex *Lord Generall*, Ordained, that the said Army shall be forthwith recruited, unto the number of seven thousand five hundred foot, besides Officers, and three thousand horse, besides officers; and shall consist of seven Regiments of foot, and six Regiments of

horſe, with a ſuitable train of Artillery: and to that end have ordained, that the ſum of twenty thouſand pounds be forthwith provided out of the Exciſe or elſwhere, and paid to the Treaſurer of War for the purpoſes aforeſaid: And doe further by the ſaid Ordinance declare, that they intend ſuddenly to ſettle a conſtant pay for the ſaid Army, and that upon the recruting thereof, care ſhall be taken for regulating and reforming thereof. In purſuance of which Ordinance, the Lords and *Commons* now aſſembled in the Parliament, taking the ſame into their ſerious conſideration, have Ordained, and be it Ordained by the ſaid Lords and *Commons*, That the ſaid Earle of *Eſſex* ſhall diſpoſe of the ſaid 7500 foot-ſouldiers into ſeven Regiments, whereof one Regiment, which is to be the Lord Generalls Regiment, ſhall conſiſt of one thouſand five hundred ſouldiers, and ſhall be divided into twelve *Companies*; and each of the other ſix Regiments ſhall conſiſt of one thouſand ſouldiers a peece: and every of the ſix Regiments ſhall be divided into eight *Companies*, and no more; and the ſaid three thouſand horſe ſhall be diſpoſed into ſix Regiments, every of which Regiments ſhall conſiſt of five hundred Troopers, beſides Officers, and be divided into ſix Troopes; whereof the *Colonells* Troope ſhall conſiſt of one hundred Troopers, beſides Officers; and each of the other five Troops of fourſcore Troopers a peece, beſides Officers: And it is further ordained by the ſaid Lords and *Commons*, that the ſum of thirty thouſand five hundred and foure pound, ſhall be raiſed and paid in manner and form as is hereafter mentioned, for the maintenance and payment of the ſaid Army, being recruted, diſpoſed, and regulated as aforeſaid, the traine of Artillery, Reformado Officers, Intelligences and other charges incident to the ſaid Army: and for proviſion of Armes and Ammunition for the Kingdome for the ſpace of foure Moneths, to commence from the twentieth day of *March*, 1643. accompting 28. dayes to the moneth; that is to ſay, The ſum of two thouſand pound ſhall be monethly paid out of the Monies that come in at *Haberdaſhers Hall*, upon the twentieth part, or otherwiſe, for the time aforeſaid; and that there ſhall be monethly charged and levied upon the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, the Hamlets of the *Tower*, the Borough of *Southwarke*, and all other Pariſhes and places within the Lines of Communication and weekly Bills of Mortality, the ſum of ſix thouſand nine hundred ſixty two pound foure ſhillings.

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Upon the county of *Middleſex* without the ſaid limits, the ſumme of one thouſand foureſcore and ſeventeene pounds, eleven ſhillings; and that the ſumme of twenty thouſand four hundred forty and four pounds five ſhillings, being the Reſidue of the ſaid ſumme of thirty thouſand five hundred and foure pounds, ſhall be monethly paid out of the Exciſe for the time aforeſaid, whereof eighteen thouſand nine hundred and forty pounds and five ſhillings, ſhall be for payment of the ſaid Army, and one thouſand five hundred and four pounds being the Reſidue of the ſaid ſum, ſhal be imployed for the proviſion of the Arms and Ammunition for the Kingdome. And this Ordinance ſhall be a ſufficient Warrant, as well to the Committee at *Habberdaſhers Hall*, as to the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, to pay unto ſir *Gilbert Gerrard*, Baronet, Treaſurer at war, the ſaid ſeverall ſummes of Money, and to advance the ſame by way of loan, and to pay themſelves againe out of the growing profits thereof: And that the ſaid ſeverall ſummes of money may be duely raiſed, levied, and paid, as hereafter is directed, Be it farther ordained by the ſaid Lords and Commons, that the perſons hereafter named, ſhall be Committees for the Cities, Countie, and Places aforeſaid; that is to ſay, For the City of *London*, and the Liberties thereof, the Lord Major and Aldermen onely, and ſuch as they ſhall nominate: And the Lord Major and Aldermen of *London*, and ſix ſuch perſons of every of the Sub-Committees for the *Militia*, within the Lines of Communication and weekly Bills of Mortality, as the ſaid ſeverall and reſpective Committees ſhall nominate and appoint for this ſervice, and the former Committees named in the Ordinance for the laſt two Moneths Aſſeſſement for the City of *Weſtminſter*, Burrough of *Southwarke*, Hamlets of the *Tower*, and other places within the Line of Communication, and weekly Bills of Mortality, without the City of *London*, and Liberties thereof, ſhall be Committees for the City of *VVeſtminſter*, Burrough of *Southwarke*, Hamlets of the *Tower*, and the other places aforeſaid, without the City of *London*, and the Liberties thereof: And for the County of *MIDDLESEX*, without the limits aforeſaid; Sir *Henry Vane*, Knight, ſir *Gilbert Gerrard* Baron, ſir *Edward Barkham*, Knight and Baronet, ſir *The-*

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mas Fowler, Knight and Baronet, ſir Richard Sprignall Baronet, the Lievtenant of the Tower of London for the time being, ſir John Danvers, ſir John Franklyn, ſir Iohn Hepiſley, ſir Iames Harrington, ſir William Roberts, Knights, Laurence Whittacre, Iohn Huxley, Thomas Wilcox, Iohn Morris, Richard Downton, Iohn Browne Clerke of the Parliament, Iuſtinian Paget, and Thomas Swallow Eſquires, ſhall bee Committees, which ſaid ſeverall and reſpective Committees of the ſeverall and reſpective Cities, Countie, and places aforeſaid, ſhall within two dayes next enſuing the publication hereof, meet together at ſome convenient place, in every of the ſaid Cities, county, and places, and afterwards ſeven of them at the leaſt, ſhall twice in every week at the leaſt, meet at ſuch convenient places as they ſhall think fit, for the more ſpeedy execution of this Ordinance: and the ſaid reſpective Committees are hereby required and authorized at the dayes and places of their firſt meetings, to divide and apportion the ſeverall ſummes of money, appointed by this Ordinance to be levied for the maintenance of the ſaid Army upon the ſeverall and reſpective Wards, Diviſions, Hundreds, Lathes, and Wapentakes within the ſeverall Cities, Countie, and places aforeſaid, according to the uſuall proportions and Diviſions of Rates in the ſaid places; and likewiſe ſhall, and may there agree to divide and ſever themſelves, for the better execution of this Ordinance, into ſuch Wards, Hundreds, places and diviſions within their reſpective Cities, County and places, as to them ſhall ſeem expedient, and to take to their aſſiſtance for the more ſpeedy execution of the ſaid ſervice in their ſeverall Diviſions, ſuch able and ſufficient perſons as they ſhall think fit, and to aſſemble and meet as often as to them ſhall ſeem good, and forthwith the ſaid Committees, or any two or more of them reſpectively, are hereby authorized and required, to direct their Warrants

Warrants to ſuch number of perſons as they ſhall think fit, within their ſeverall and reſpective diviſions, to be Aſſeſſours of the ſaid Rates, which ſaid perſons are hereby authorized and required to aſſeſſe all and every perſon and perſons, having any reall or perſonall eſtate within the limits, circuits and bounds of their reſpective diviſions, according to the Rate and proportion in this Ordinance mentioned.

And be it further Ordained by the ſaid Lords and Commons, that the ſeverall ſums of Money before mentioned, and all other ſums which ſhall be hereafter aſſeſſed or taken upon the ſeverall Cities, County, and places aforeſaid, ſhall be aſſeſſed and taken both for Lands and Goods, upon ſuch perſons and eſtates, and in ſuch manner and form as is directed for the weekly Aſſeſſment, in an Ordinance of Parliament, of the fourth day of May laſt paſt, intituled, *An* Ordinance *of both Houſes of Parliament, for the ſpeedy rayſing and Leavying of money, for the Maintenance of the Army raiſed by the Parliament, and other great affaires of the Common-wealth by a weekly Aſſeſſment.* And to the end the ſaid rates be equally and indifferently Aſſeſſed, and the Monies duly collected, and true Accompt thereof made, The ſaid Aſſeſſors are hereby required within ſix dayes after ſuch Aſſeſſment made, to deliver two Copies of their reſpective Aſſeſſments fairly written and ſubſcribed by them, unto the ſaid reſpective Committees, or to any of them, whereof one to remain with the ſaid Committee, and the other to be delivered to the Collectors, with Warrants to Levie the ſaid monies. And the ſaid ſeverall Committees or any two of them are hereby reſpectively Authorized from time to time, to nominate one or more ſufficient and honeſt perſons in every diviſion or Alotment to be Collectors of the ſaid monies ſo Aſſeſſed and rated, which ſaid Collectors are hereby Authorized and required to Collect the ſaid monies ſo Aſſeſſed, and the ſaid Committee or any ſix of them are hereby

hereby Authorized to allow and pay unto the ſaid reſpective Collectors, two pence in the pound for their paines in collecting the ſaid monies; and one penny in the Pound to their Clerkes for their paines, in faire writing the ſaid Aſſeſſement. And if any perſon ſhall refuſe or neglect to pay any ſumme of money, whereat hee ſhall be rated or Aſſeſſed, that then it ſhall or may be lawfull to and for the ſaid Collectors or any of them, to Levie the ſumme ſo Aſſeſſed, by diſtreſſe and ſale of the goods of ſuch perſons ſo refuſing or neglecting to pay, deducting the ſumme Aſſeſſed, and the reaſonable charges of diſtraining, and reſtore the overplus to the Owner thereof; And to break open any Houſe, Cheſt, Trunke, Box, or other thing, wherein any ſuch Goods are, and to call to their Aſſiſtance any of the Trained Bands, or any other Forces within the cities, countie, and places, where any reſiſtance ſhall be made, or any other perſon or perſons whatſoever; which ſaid Forces and Perſons are hereby required to be ayding and aſſiſting in the Premiſſes, as they ſhall anſwer the contrary at their perills. And if any queſtion or difference happen upon the taking ſuch diſtreſſe betweene the Parties diſtrained and diſtraining, the ſame ſhall be ended, and determined by the ſaid Committees or any two of them, and the ſaid ſeverall Committees or any two or more of them, are hereby Authorized and required to uſe ſuch other wayes or meanes for the ſpeedy Leavying of the ſaid Aſſeſſements, as to them ſhall be thought fit. And if any perſon or perſons ſhall purpoſely convey his or their goods or other perſonall Eſtate, whereby the ſumme of Money ſo Aſſeſſed, cannot be Leavied according to this Ordinance, then the ſaid reſpective Committees or any two of them are hereby Authorized by themſelves, or ſuch other perſons as they ſhall appoint, to impriſon the perſons, and to Sequeſter the Eſtate of every ſuch perſon, for the Advancement of the ſaid ſervice; and the Tennants of all houſes and lands which ſhall be rated by vertue of this Ordinance, are hereby required and Authorized to pay ſuch ſummes of money as ſhall be rated upon every ſuch houſe and Lands, and to deduct out of their rents ſo much of the ſaid rates, as in reſpect of the Rents of every ſuch Houſe and Lands, the Landlords ſhould or ought to pay or beare; and the Landlords both mediate and immediate, according to their reſpective Intereſt, are hereby

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required to allow such deductions and payments upon the Receipt of the Residue of their Rents, and to give Acquittances for the whole Rents, as if no deductions had beene made. And if any Landlord shall refuse to make such Allowance or deduction, or to give such acquittances: then the respective Committees for the Sequestrations in the Cities, County, and places aforesaid upon proofe thereof made before them, are herby Authorized for every time they shall so refuse, to seize and sequester for the service aforesaid one full halfe yeares Rent payable to such persons so refusing, allowing out of the same, the summe of money so paid by the Tenant as aforesaid; And if any difference shall arise betweene Landlord and Tenant, or any other concerning the said Rates, the said severall Committees, or any two of them in their severall Divisions, have hereby power to settle the same as they shall thinke fit; And the said Collectours and every of them are hereby required from time to time, to pay such summe and summes of money as shall bee by them Collected by vertue of this Ordinance to the said Sir *Gilbert Gerard*, Treasurer at Warres.

And be it further Ordained, that the severall and respective Committees, in the severall Cities, County and places aforesaid, shall and are hereby required, to cause one Moneths Assessement according to this Ordinance to bee assessed, leavied, collected, and paid unto the said Sir *Gilbert Gerard*, at or before the seventeenth day of *Aprill*, 1644. which said Moneths Assessement shall be reckoned as the first Moneths pay for the said Armie, due out of the said Cities, County and places aforesaid by vertue of this Ordinance. And the said severall Committees are hereby required to take speciall care that the said monethly Assessements be constantly leavied, collected, and paid to the said Sir *Gilbert Gerard*, Treasurer at Warres, once in every Moneth after the said seventeenth day of *Aprill*, duing the continuance of the terme mentioned in this Ordinance, accounting twenty eight dayes and no more to each Moneth.

And be it further Ordained by the Lords and Commons, That foure fit and able persons shall be elected to be employed as Commissioners from both Houses of Parliament, and the said Cities and County aforesaid; to be constantly abiding in the said Armie, which persons shall be elected and nominated by the House of Commons. Which said Commissioners so appointed to attend the Armie, shall have each of them the summe of twenty shillings for every day they shall attend the said service to be paid by the said Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and the County of *Middlesex*, and places aforesaid.

And to that purpose it is further Ordained by the Lords and Commons, that the said severall Committees hereby nominated, or any sixe of them in the respective Cities, County, and places aforesaid shall have power, and are hereby Authorized to impose a rate upon the said severall and respective Cities, County, and places aforesaid, for the payment of the said Allowance of Twenty shillings by the day to the said Commissioners to be assessed, levied and collected, as the other Assessement in this Ordinance mentioned is to be Assessed, levied and collected.

And be it further Ordained, That the Commissioners appointed to reside in the Armie, shall take speciall care that they keepe constant correspondence with the two Houses of Parliament, or with such as they shall nominate, and with the respective Committees of the respective Cities, County, and places aforesaid; And that they take such course, that no Commander or Officer shall receive any pay, but such as duly attend their charge; And it is desired that the said Earle of *Essex* doe admit to his Counsell for the purposes aforesaid, the said Commissioners residing in his Armie to advise with them, and arme them with power to view and examine the Musters of the said Army, and to take such course as shall bee thought most fit for the preventing of dead Payments, false Musters, free quartering without Warrants, Plundring, seizing of Horses, selling, spoyling, or imbezeling of Horses

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of Armes, and for the avoyding of any other misdemeanour which may turne to the prejudice of the Common-wealth; And that the said Commissioners shall once in fifteene dayes certifie the state of the Army, and give an accompt of their proceedings unto the Parliament, or to such Committees as they shall appoint for that purpose; And shall likewise certifie what further instructions shall be agreed upon by the Counsell of Warre touching the same; And whereas since the beginning of this Warre, great and unnecessary waste hath beene made of Horses and Armes, by the negligence and abuse of Souldiers, whereby the Kingdome will become unable to continue Tillage, and to recruite the Armies, unlesse some speedy provision be made to prevent the same.

Be it further Ordained, that the Captaines both of Horse and Foote out of the pay due to themselves and their Company are to make good all the Horses, and Horse-armes, and Foot-armes, that shall be lost and imbezilled by them, or any under their command, unlesse they can make it appeare that they were lost in service against the enemy. Provided, That no Officer shall be obliged to make good the Armes or Horse of any Souldiers that shall run away from their Colours, if the said Officers shall within twenty foure houres after the departure of such Souldier, give notice thereof to the Commissioners residing in the Army, to the end speedy course may be taken for their apprehending and punishment.

And be it further Ordained by the said Lords and Commons, That if any person or persons shall wilfully neglect, or refuse to performe his duty in the due and speedy Execution of this present Ordinance, the said respective Committees, or any five of them, have hereby Power to impose upon such person or persons so refusing or neglecting their duties, such Fine or Fines as to them shall be thought fit, and cause the same to be levied by distresse, and sale of goods in manner and forme aforesaid; Provided, That no Fine to be imposed upon any of the said Committees, shall not for any one Offence exceed the summe of forty shillings; And that no

fine to be imposed upon any Assessor, Collector, or other person to bee imployed by the said Committees in the said service, shall for any offence exceed the summe of forty shillings. And that no priviledged place or person within the Cities, County and places aforesaid, shall be exempted from the said Assessments and Taxes.

And be it further Ordained that the said severall and respective Committees, and every of them shall from time to time give a true and perfect Accompt of all their doings and proceedings in the execution of this Ordinance to the two Houses of Parliament, or to such persons as they shall appoint.

And it is further Ordained, that if any person or persons, shal buy or take to pawne, or receive any of the Armes, or horse, belonging to any Common souldier or Officer under the degree of a Coronett or Enisgne, that such person or persons shall forfeit such Armes, and horse, and treble the value of such Armes and Horse, and shall be imprisoned by the space of twentie eight dayes without Baile or mainprize. And the Lord Generall is herby enabled, by himselfe or such as hee shall appoint, if it bee within the quarters of his Army, and the Deputy-Lievtenants, and Justices of the Peace, and Committees of Parliament, or any one of them in their respective Lymits shall have power, and are hereby authorised to examine the fact, and upon proofe thereof to see this clause duly executed.

And it is further Ordained by the said Lords and Commons, that every Captaine both of Horse and Foot, and every other inferior and superior Officer, or other in the said Army, whose pay comes to ten shillings a day or above, shall take but halfe the pay due to him, and shall respit the other halfe upon the publique faith untill these unnaturall warres be ended, and every Officer or other that is to have five shillings a day or above, and under ten shillings, shall accept of two thirds of the pay due to him, and shall respit one third part upon the publique faith untill these unnaturall Warres shall be ended,

ended, And when there is three moneths pay due to any of them, or more, a Certificate thereof from the said Earle, shall be sufficient to demand the said Moneys owing upon the publique faith as aforesaid, and it is ordained that the Lord Generall be desired, and the said Commissioners are hereby required and injoyned, to see the Articles touching the mustering and payment of the Army, and concerning horse, Armes, and Ammunition, and all such further directions as from time to time concerning the Army, and the affaires thereof, shall be recommended to their care by one or either House of Parliament, be duly observed, and to take care that the Country be not charged with free quarter, and whereas the Army now under the imediate command of the Lord Generall doth consist of many more Regiments both of horse and foote, and consequently of more Officers then can have imployment as the Army is to bee reduced by this Ordinance; By meanes whereof divers Commanders and Officers, who are very worthy and desirous of the service, cannot at present have imployment according to their qualities, for whose support and maintenance some competent provision is to bee made untill there shall be places and imployments for them. It is therefore ordained and declared by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, and the Lord Generall is hereby authorized to entertaine such and so many of the said Officers as by the Lord Generall shall be thought fit, and shall be by this occasion out of imployment, into the condition of reformadoe Officers, and shall forme them under Command, into two troopes of horse not exceeding 100. in each troope besides Officers, in augmentation of the Lord Generals owne Regiment; which Officers so reformed, and attending the service, shall have such entertainments, and in such manner as is hereafter expressed, that is to say, the said Officers respectively according to the quality of their late imployment, shall each of them respectively bee paid, from time to time as the rest of the Army is paid, one fourth part of his personall entertainment, according to the list or establishment of the Army, over and besides the

ordinary pay of troopers, Harquebusiers, and one other fourth part of his personall entertainment according to the said list and establishment of the Army, shall be respited upon the publique faith, untill these unnaturall warres be ended.

Lastly, be it Ordained and declared by the authority aforesaid, that this Armie under the immediate Command of the Lord Generall the Earle of *Essex*, shall be subject to the Orders and directions of both Houses of Parliament, or the Committee of both Kingdomes, according to the Ordinance that doth establish that Committee. Provided alwayes that such rates and assessements, as shall be made by vertue of this Ordinance upon any members, Assistants, or Attendants upon either of the Houses of Parliament, shall before the same bee leavied, bee presented to the respective Houses, whose Members, Assistants, or Attendants, shall be concerned therein respectively, and by such respective House allowed and approved of, any thing in this Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

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